the Master Plan norms, and in consultation with DDA. DCM would be liable to pay all conversion charges as applicable.

बिहार में विकास के लिए शहरों का चयन

*149. **श्री जनार्दन यादव** : क्या **शहरी विकास** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क)बिहार के कितने शहरों को विकास के लिए चुना गया है :

(ख) सरकार ने उस दिशा में अब तक क्या कदम उठाये हैं : और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

शहरी विकास मंत्री (श्रीमती शीला कौल) : (क) से (ग) बिहार सरकार ने छोटे तथा मझौले कस्बों के एकीकृत विकास की केन्द्र प्रवर्तित योजना (आई डी एस एम टी) के तहत आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान विकास के लिए "प्राथमिकता शहरों" के रूप में 40 कस्बों का निर्धारण किया है। आई डी एस एम टी दिशा-निर्देशों के अनुरूप बिहार सरकार से अब तक कोई रिपोर्ट प्राप्त नहीं हुई है। शहरी विकास मंत्रालय ने बिहार सरकार को आई डी एस एम टी मानदण्डों के अनुसार ऐसी परियोजना रिपोर्ट प्रस्तुत करने के लिए पत्र लिखा है जिनमें परियोजना ब्यौरे, राज्य अंश की उपलब्धता और संस्थागत निधियन फ़ैजिलिटियों के ब्यौरे दिये गये हों।

पिछड़े वर्गों के छात्रों के लिए शैक्षणिक संस्थानों में स्थानों का आरक्षण

*150. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव** :

चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह :

क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या पिछड़े वर्गों के छात्रों हेतु शैक्षणिक संस्थानों में स्थान आरक्षित करने का कोई प्रस्ताव है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में अब तक आदेश जारी किए जाएंगे ; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

कल्याण मंत्री (श्री सीताराम केसरी) : (क) से (ग) कल्याण मंत्री का शैक्षणिक संस्थानों में अन्य पिछड़े वर्गों के लिए आरक्षण प्रदान करने सम्बन्धी मुद्दे पर राजनीतिक दलों के नेताओं के साथ अन्य बातों के अलावा विचार-विमर्श करने के लिए शीघ्र ही बैठक करने का प्रस्ताव है। इस स्तर पर कोई समय-सीमा बताना सम्भव नहीं है।

Benefits of Industrial Sector to farmers

*151. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to give all the benefits of the industrial sector to farmers in the country;

(b) if so, what are the salient features thereof; and

(c) by when this agriculture action plan is likely to come into force ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR) : (a) to (c) The draft Agriculture Policy Resolution prepared by the Government, seeks to create a positive trade and investment climate for agriculture.

An important feature of the Resolution is to develop effective systems and bestow similar benefits on agriculture as exist in industry care would, however, be taken to ensure that agriculturists are not subjected to the regulatory and tax collection machinery of the Government. The Resolutoin was placed in Parliament on 14-5-1993 for their consideration.

Research in Agricultural Universities

*152. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA

DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether any review has been made about the capability of Agricultural Universities in the Country with respect to coping up with the,

most modern research in the context of the provision regarding Agricultural research as envisaged in GATT;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons thereof, and

(d) the action taken to ensure that the most modern form of Agricultural research is done in our country ?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BAL RAM JAKHAR) : (a) No specific review has been made about the capability of Agricultural Universities with respect to their research activities in the context of GATT.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Research relevance and modernisation is an inbuilt activity of Council's support programmes to the Agricultural Universities.

Cadre review of junior engineers in C.P.W.D.

*153. SHRI HIPHEI : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Junior Engineers of Central Public Works Department (C.P.W.D.) have been demanding cadre review in terms of an agreement signed between Government and C.P.W.D. Junior Engineer's Association in 1987;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that promotional avenues of these Junior Engineers are affected for lack of cadre review :

(d) whether Government have taken any action in terms of agreement as in part (a) above; and

(e) if so, the details thereof; and if not, reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SHEILA KAUL) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A consensus was reached with the CPWD Junior Engineers Association and the Sectional Officers (Horticulture) Association on 20-8-1987 which brought to an end the indefinite strike resorted to from 14-7-1987 by these Associations in furtherence of their various demands, which included Cadre Review also. It was agreed that Cadre Review of Junior Engineers would be initiated by appointing a Committee of Officers in the month of November, 1987,

(c) No, Sir. Orders were issued in March, 1991 under which :—

(i) Junior Engineers, after completion of 5 years in the scale of pay of Rs. 1400–2300, will be placed in the scale of pay of Rs. 1640–2900, subject to rejection of unfit; and

(ii) Junior Engineers, who could not be promoted to the post of Assistant Engineer in the scale of Rs. 2000–3500 due to non-availability of vacancies, will be allowed this scale, on personal basis, after completion of 15 years of service as Junior Engineer, subject to rejection of unfit.

(d) and (e) In pursuance of the consensus, the following actions have been taken in connection with the Cadre Review :—

(i) A Working Group was appointed by the CPWD on 23-8-87, which submitted its recommendations in August, 1988;

(ii) A Cadre Review Committee was constituted in September, 1988 to consider the recommendations of the Working Group which has since submitted its report;

(iii) The recommendations of the Cadre Review Committee have been examined by the Ministry of Urban Development and its recommendations submitted to the Ministry of Finance.

Damage to Agricultural Crops in Vidarbha Region

*154. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY

DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the final estimates of total damage caused to agricultural crops by heavy rains and floods, in the Vidarbha region of Maharashtra during July-August, 1994;

(b) how much aid the Government of Maharashtra sought from the Central Government;

(c) how much aid the Central Government provided to the Government of Maharashtra; and